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Via : Special Funds
DANSO
Office of the General Counsel

11 January 1949

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1. Reference is made to your memoranda of 13 December 1948, requesting advice as to whether the authority for Group 2 classification for quarters allowances in accordance with "Bureau of the Budget Circular A-8" would apply to the Group 2 classification for quarters allowance in accordance with the "Standardized Allowance Regulations." (SAR)

2. Since your memoranda raise the same question this reply will be considered applicable to both.

3. [Redacted] dated 13 December, subject - recites the basis on which civilian employees were entitled to Group 2 quarters classification under Bureau of the Budget, Circular A-8. You state that there are approximately 50 such active authorizations for Group 2 classification.

4. The SAR issued by the Secretary of State under the authority of Executive Order 10011, dated 22 October 1948, prescribes the basis on which officers or employees shall be classified according to their respective group quarters allowances. Briefly stated, the basis on which an officer or employee is classified for quarters allowance depends on his personnel classification. The limits contained within the table are constant with the exception of Section 9.3 of the SAR, which reads as follows:

"If an officer of the Foreign Service in Quarters Group 3, 4, or 5 is in charge of a consular post or is one of the two highest ranking diplomatic or consular officers other than the Chief of Mission at a diplomatic post, he shall be classed in Quarters Group 2 regardless of his personnel classification and the Quarters Group in which he would otherwise be classed."

5. Thus, the exceptions of the SAR apply only to officers of the Foreign Service. Pursuant to the authority of Section 10.5 Special Funds Regulations and, subject to the approval of DANSO, designee employees are eligible to receive the rights, benefits, allowances, and prerogatives provided Foreign Service Personnel under the SAR insofar as practicable.

6. The base having been altered, your inquiry is answered in the negative.

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